

Hugh Arthur Barnhart collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Barnhart, Hugh Arthur
Title	Hugh Arthur Barnhart collection
Date	1863-1964
Extent	8.6 Cubic feet 26 manuscript boxes
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Hugh Arthur Barnhart was born on July 14, 1892, in Rochester, Indiana to Henry A. Barnhart and Loretta Ann Leffel. He attended Indiana University, Bloomington, where he graduated in 1915 at age 22 with a degree in economics. During college he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Delta Chi fraternities, President of the senior class, and a member of the varsity football and basketball teams. He served in the army during World War I as a 2nd lieutenant of field artillery and cavalry from 1917 to 1918. He married Martha Estella Anspaugh on June 23, 1928, in Rochester, Indiana.

After the war his career consisted of multiple business ventures and state government positions. Barnhart was a director and member of the Barnhart-Van Trump Publishing Company and the *News Sentinel* newspaper in Rochester, Indiana. He served as the director of the Indiana State Highway Commission (1932-1933); member of the Indiana Telephone Association (1933-1935); member of the Rochester Telephone Company (1937-1963); the Excise Administrator for the Indiana Alcoholic Beverages Commission (1937-1941); member of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation regarding liquor control; the Indiana Department of Conservation (1941-1948); member of the U.S. Independent Telephone Association (1943-1964) on the Bell System (American Telephone and Telegraph Company) Committee; member of the Little Hoovers Commission (1952-1953) on flood regulation and water resources; member of the Public Service Company of Indiana (1951-1955). He also had financial investments in the Cole Brothers-Clyde Beatty Circus, later Cole Bros. Circus.

In 1936, Barnhart ran for Congress as a Representative for Indiana's 2nd District as a democrat, but lost in the election. His father, Henry A. Barnhart, had been a representative in Congress for Indiana's 13th district and served from 1908-1919.

Over the course of his career he kept business and personal correspondence with notable individuals such as Alben W. Barkley, 35th Vice President of the U.S.; Glenn Griswold, U.S. Representative from Indiana; Charles A. Halleck, U.S. Representative from Indiana; Louis Ludlow, U.S. Representative from Indiana; Sherman Minton, U.S. Senator from Indiana and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the U.S.; Henry F. Schricker, Governor of Indiana from 1941-1945 and 1949-1953; M. Clifford Townsend, Governor of Indiana from 1937-1941; Herman B. Wells, eleventh President of Indiana University, Bloomington.

Hugh A. Barnhart died on February 16, 1986 in Rochester, Indiana. He is buried in Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Sources:

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Gross, April. "Hugh Arthur Barnhart." Find A Grave. last modified November 9, 2009. [https:// www.findagrave.com/](https://www.findagrave.com/).

"All Public Member Trees results for Hugh Arthur Barnhart." ancestryLibrary. Accessed November 3, 2017. <https://search.ancestrylibrary.com/>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes correspondence, scrapbooks, photographs, periodicals, advertisements, and financial records from Hugh A. Barnhart ranging from 1898-1964 regarding his business ventures, his personal life, and his political career.

The first series includes papers regarding Barnhart's family life, business ventures, and state government positions. Major topics include family correspondence; World War I correspondence; *News-Sentinel* newspaper; State Highway Commission; George B. Durgan campaign; the Cole Bros.-Clyde Beatty Circus; 1936 Indiana 2nd District Congressional campaign; Alcoholic Beverages Commission; the Hugh Barnhart-Lester Ginther insurance claims; the Commission on Interstate Cooperation; the Indiana Department of Conservation; the Little Hoover Commission; the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce; the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference; the Public Service Company; the Rochester Telephone Company, and the U.S Independent Telephone Association (USITA).

Series two contains Barnhart's personal financial records as well as insurance records and estate analyses.

Series three contains newspapers dated from 1863-1949. The majority are Indiana based newspapers with articles concerning Barnhart's involvement with the State Highway Commission, his 1936 Congressional campaign, his involvement with the Cole Bros. Circus, and clippings from his work with the Democratic Editorial Association.

Series four contains one folder of photographs of Barnhart at government, business, and social functions.

Series five includes a variety of materials regarding subjects such as Barnhart's Democratic Editorial Association work, the Boeing Airplane Company plane statistics and photographs, lithography company samples, and published material.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Correspondence and general papers, 1898-1964

Series 2: Financial and insurance records, 1919-1953

Series 3: Newspapers, 1863-1959

Series 4: Photographs, undated

Series 5: Subject files, 1940-1955

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Hugh A. Barnhart during December 1975.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2017/11/03 by Julia Deros. EAD finding aid created 2017/11/03 by Julia Deros.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Scrapbooks

Geographic Name(s)

- Rochester (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Barnhart, Henry A., 1858-1934
- Griswold, Glenn, 1890-1940
- Halleck, Charles A. (Charles Abraham), 1900-1986
- Ludlow, Louis L., 1873-1950
- Minton, Sherman, 1890-1965
- Pulliam, Eugene S.
- Schricker, Henry F. (Henry Fredrick), 1883-1966
- Townsend, M. Clifford (Maurice Clifford), 1884-1954

Subject(s)

- Alcohol--Indiana--Law and legislation
- Businessmen--Indiana
- Flood control--Indiana
- Indiana--Politics and government--20th century
- Indiana--Transportation--Roads
- Newspaper publishing--United States--History
- Newspapers
- Political campaigns--20th century
- public utilities
- Telephone--History--Indiana
- United States. Army--Military life.
- Water resources development
- World War, 1914-1918

- World War, 1914-1918--Military life

Series 1: Correspondence and general papers, 1898-1964

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Correspondence and general papers, 1898-1964		
	Box	Folder
Correspondence, 1898-1916	1	1
School notebooks, 1902-1911	1	2
Correspondence, 1917 February-September 1917	1	3
Correspondence, 1917 September-1918 March	1	4
Correspondence, 1917 October-1917 December	1	5
Correspondence, 1918 January-1918 February	1	6
Correspondence, 1918 March-1918 April	1	7
Correspondence, 1918 March-1918 August	1	8
Correspondence, 1918 September-1918 October	1	9
Correspondence, 1918 November- 1918 December	1	10
Army scrapbook, 1917 May-1918 August	2	1

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Correspondence, 1919 January-1919 May	2	2
"News Sentinel" scrapbook, 1919-1920	2	3
Correspondence, 1922 February-1930 April	2	4
Correspondence, 1932 October-1932 December	2	5
Correspondence, 1933 January	2	6
Senate Bill 40 document copies, 1933 January	2	7
Correspondence, 1933 February-1933 November	3	1
Durgan Campaign correspondence, 1934 December	3	2
Durgan Campaign correspondence, 1935 January	3	3
Correspondence, 1935	3	4
Circus material, 1950	3	5
Correspondence, 1936 January	3	6
Correspondence, 1936 February	3	7
Correspondence, 1936 March	3	8

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Correspondence, 1936 April	3	9
Correspondence, 1936 May	4	1
Correspondence, 1936 June	4	2
Correspondence, 1936 July	4	3
Correspondence, 1936 August	4	4
Correspondence, 1936 September	4	5
Correspondence, 1936/10/01-1936/10/12	4	6
Correspondence, 1936/10/13-1936/10/21	4	7
Census of Business correspondence, 1936 October	4	8
Correspondence, 1936/10/22-1936/10/30	4	9
Correspondence, 1936 November-1936 December	5	1
Lists, undated	5	2
Campaign literature, 1936	5	3
Speeches and notes, 1936	5	4

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Speeches, 1935-1936	5	5
"1936 Campaign" scrapbook, 1936	5	6
Publicity releases, 1936	6	1
Publicity releases, 1935-1936	6	2
Politics documents, 1936	6	3
Correspondence, March 1937	6	4
Correspondence, April 1937	6	5
Correspondence, 1937/05/01-1937/05/10	6	7
Correspondence, 1937/05/11-1937/05/29	6	7
Correspondence, 1937 June	6	8
Correspondence, 1937 July	6	9
Correspondence, 1937 August	7	1
Correspondence, 1937 September	7	2
Correspondence, 1937 October	7	3

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Correspondence, 1937 November	7	4
Correspondence, 1937 December	7	5
Ginther case documents, 1936-1938	7	6
Correspondence, 1938 January	8	1
Correspondence, 1938 February	8	2
Correspondence, 1938 March	8	3
Correspondence, 1938 April	8	4
Correspondence, 1938 May	8	5
Correspondence, 1938/06/01-1938/06/21	9	1
Correspondence, 1938/06/21-1938/06/30	9	2
Correspondence, 1938 July	9	3
Correspondence, 1938 August	9	4
Correspondence, 1938 September	9	5
Correspondence, 1938 October	9	6

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Correspondence, 1938 November	9	7
Correspondence, 1938 December	10	1
Correspondence, undated	10	2
Interstate cooperation correspondence, 1938	10	3
Interstate cooperation correspondence, 1939	10	4
Interstate cooperation financial accounts, 1938-1943	10	5
Kate Mullican personal papers, 1938	10	6
Seagram Distillers broadsides, 1936-1938	10	7
Speeches, 1937-1939	10	8
Speech material, 1937-1938	10	9
Speech material, 1937-1939	11	1
Speech material, undated	11	2
Correspondence, 1939 January	11	3
Correspondence, 1939 February	11	4

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Correspondence, 1939 March	11	5
Correspondence, 1939 April	11	6
Correspondence, 1939 May	11	7
Correspondence, 1939 June	12	1
Correspondence, 1939 July	12	2
Correspondence, 1939 August	12	3
Correspondence, 1939 September	12	4
Correspondence, 1939 October	12	5
Correspondence, 1939 November	12	6
Correspondence, 1939 December	12	7
Oriskany Club fishing trip correspondence, 1939	12	8
Department of Conservation field examiners report, 1941	13	1
Department of Conservation field examiners report, 1942	13	2
Department of Conservation field examiners report, 1943	13	3

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Conservation Commission meeting minutes, 1944 January-1945 February	13	4
Department of Conservation annual report, 1945 March	13	5
Captain Herman Riley correspondence, 1943-1944	13	6
Correspondence, 1945 March	13	7
Correspondence, 1945 April	13	8
Correspondence, 1945 May-1945 July	13	9
Correspondence, 1945 August-1945 December	13	10
Correspondence, 1946, 1948	13	11
<i>News Sentinel</i> correspondence, 1949	14	1
Correspondence, 1950-1952	14	2
Miss America Pageant, 1951 August-1951 September	14	3
Fulton County ghost town correspondence, 1951 December	14	4
"Anchors Away" Navy publication, 1951-1953	14	5
Little Hoover Commission correspondence, 1952 July-1952 October	14	6

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Little Hoover Commission hearing minutes, 1952 July	14	7
Little Hoover Commission correspondence, 1951 October-1952 June	14	8
Little Hoover Commission correspondence, 1953 January-1953 March	14	9
Correspondence, 1953 January	15	1
Correspondence, 1953 February	15	2
Correspondence, 1953 March	15	3
Rochester drugstore sale correspondence, 1953 March-1953 September	15	4
Correspondence, 1953 April	15	5
Correspondence, 1953 May	15	6
Correspondence, 1953 June	15	7
<i>Rochester Centennial</i> correspondence, 1953 June-1953 July	15	8
Correspondence, 1953 July	15	9
Correspondence, 1953 August	15	10
Correspondence, 1953 September	15	11

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Correspondence, 1953 October	15	12
Correspondence, 1953 November	15	13
Correspondence, 1953 December	15	14
Correspondence, undated	15	15
Chamber of Commerce correspondence, 1953 January-1955 July	16	1
Joint Civilian Orientation Course correspondence, 1953	16	2
Joint Civilian Orientation Course correspondence, 1954 March-1954 May	16	3
Joint Civilian Orientation Course correspondence, 1954 June-1954 October	16	4
Indiana Gas and Water Company annual reports, 1951, 1954	16	5
Public Service Company of Indiana reports, 1952	16	6
Public Service Company of Indiana reports, 1954	16	7
Public Service Company of Indiana reports, 1955	16	8
Public Service Company of Indiana reports, 1955	16	9

Subseries 1.1 Telephone company records, 1937-1964

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Rochester Telephone Company annual reports, 1937-1952	17	1
Rochester Telephone Company annual reports, 1953-1964	17	2
Rochester Telephone Company materials, 1954	17	3
Dial system papers, 1957	17	4
Telephone advertising materials, undated	17	5
Telephone advertising newspaper samples, 1938	17	6
Telephone communication materials, 1955	17	7
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) telephone directories, 1947	18	1
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) correspondence, 1951-1953	18	2
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) correspondence, 1954	18	3
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) correspondence, January 1955	18	4

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United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) correspondence, February 1955	18	5
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) correspondence, March 1955	18	6
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) correspondence, April 1955	18	7
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) correspondence, May 1955	18	8
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) correspondence, June 1955-July 1955	18	9
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) materials, 1954-1964	18	10
Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company documents, 1951-1952	19	1
Illinois Bell Telephone Committee documents, 1951-1953	19	2
Indiana Bell Telephone Committee documents, 1951-1953	19	3
Michigan Bell Telephone Committee documents, 1951-1952	19	4
Mountatin States Telephone and Telegraph documents, 1951-1953	19	5

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New England Telephone Committee documents, 1952-1953	19	6
New York Telephone Company Committee documents, 1951-1952	19	7
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company documents, 1951-1952	19	8
Ohio Bell Telephone Company Committee documents, 1951-1952	19	9
Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Committee documents, 1951-1952	19	10
Pennsylvania Bell Telephone Company documents, 1951-1952	19	11
Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company documents, 1951-1952	19	12
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company documents, 1951-1953	19	13
Wisconsin Bell Telephone Committee documents, 1951-1953	19	14
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1953	20	1
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee REA Joint Committee correspondence, 1955	20	2
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee, Regional Committee correspondence, 1952	20	3

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United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee, Regional Committee correspondence, 1953	20	4
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1952	20	5
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee, Regional Committees documents, 1952	20	6
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee change of notice, 1952	20	7
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1951	20	8
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee Washington exchanges, 1951	20	9
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1950	20	10
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1950	21	1
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1948-1949	21	2
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1947-1948	21	3

Series 2: Financial and insurance records, 1919-1953

United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1946-1947	21	4
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1944-1945	21	5
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee correspondence, 1943-1944	21	6
United States Independent Telephone Association (USITA) Bell Acquisitions Committee reports, 1948	21	7

Series 2: Financial and insurance records, 1919-1953

	Box	Folder
Receipt books, 1919-1928	22	1
Expenses, 1932	22	2
Account book, 1934-1937	22	3
Personal expenses, 1937	22	4
Personal expenses, 1938	22	5
Personal expenses, 1939	22	6
Personal expenses, 1940-1944	22	7

Series 3: Newspapers, 1863-1959

Insurance folder, 1942-1944	22	8
Receipt books, 1949-1952	22	9
Finances, 1953	23	1
Henry A. Barnhart estate, 1933-1935	23	2
Dean Barnhart correspondence, 1938-1939	23	3
Insurance company letters and claims, 1938-1939	23	4
Mrs. Glenn Bailey estate, undated	23	5

Series 3: Newspapers, 1863-1959

	Box	Folder
<i>Rochester Weekly Sentinel</i> clippings, 1863/02/02	24	1
<i>Marshall County Republican</i> clippings, 1863, 1865	24	2
<i>Rochester Daily Republican</i> clipping, 1894/06/03	24	3
Newspapers clippings, 1910-1924	24	4
Newspapers clippings, 1931	24	5

Series 4: Photographs, undated

State Highway Commissioner newspaper articles, 1932-1933	24	6
Newspapers clippings, 1933-1934	24	7
Congressional Campaign newspapers, 1936	25	1
Political ads and election results clippings, 1936	25	2
Indiana newspaper clippings, 1914-1959	25	3
Newspaper clippings, 1937-1949	25	4
Series 4: Photographs, undated		

	Box	Folder
Hugh Barnhart photographs, undated	25	5
Series 5: Subject files, 1940-1955		
	Box	Folder
Democratic Editors Association materials, 1940-1941	26	1
Letters and greeting cards, undated	26	2
Boeing Airplane Company documents, 1954	26	3
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company anniversary documents, 1955	26	4

Series 5: Subject files, 1940-1955

Goes Lithography Company samples, 1955	26	5
"Anchors Away" publication booklet, 1952	26	6
Blank forms, undated	26	7
Assorted advertisements, undated	26	8